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COMMERCIAL FIRE 1619 N. Highland Street

MEMPHIS, TN - The Memphis **Fire** Department responded to an alarm of fire at 1619 N. Highland Street, Thursday, March 18, 2021 at 12:32 a.m. Upon arrival on the scene, firefighters reported heavy fire visible from the one story commercial warehouse. Rescue and Firefighting operations began immediately.

Twenty-eight (28) pieces of **Fire**/Rescue/EMS equipment and approximately seventy-eight (78) emergency response personnel ultimately responded to the call. Division Chief P. Posey was the commanding officer of this incident. The fire was brought under control at 1:45 a.m. *One firefighter was transported in stable condition to Baptist East Hospital for exhaustion.* There were no civilian injuries.



The commercial structure and several vehicles sustained smoke, fire and water damage. Total damage estimates have not been determined. The origin of the fire was determined to be the interior of the building. The cause is still under investigation. *Anyone with information regarding this incident is asked to call Crime Stoppers at 528-CASH (2274) or the State Arson Hotline at 1-800-762-3017. You could be eligible to receive a cash reward from Crime Stoppers of Memphis and Shelby County, Inc.*

The Memphis **Fire** Department urges all citizens to maintain a working smoke alarm in their place of residence. Check smoke alarms once a month and change the battery when you change your clocks. City of Memphis residents may apply for a **free smoke alarm** on-line at: <https://www.memphistn.gov/government/fire-department/free-smoke-alarm-application/> or contact the Fire Museum of Memphis at (901) 636-5650. Always have a plan of escape in case there is a fire. Also remember that 9-1-1 is for emergencies only. For all other **FIRE/EMS NON-EMERGENCY** issues please dial (901) 458-8281.

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